

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2709

Introduced by Assembly Member Wyland

February 22, 2002

An act relating to the History Curriculum Advisory Commission, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2709, as introduced, Wyland. State Board of Education: History Curriculum Advisory Commission.

Under existing law, various committees and commissions exist for the purpose of performing various activities related to providing advice and recommendations on matters related to education and curriculum.

This bill would require the State Board of Education to appoint a 17 member commission, to be known as the History Curriculum Advisory Commission, appointed as specified, to review the adequacy of state content standards pertaining to United States and world history during the period immediately before and during World War II and the influence of World War II on international relations during the period since the end of World War II. The bill would require the commission to develop recommendations for any needed changes to those state content standards, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by September 30, 2003. The bill would appropriate \$15,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for allocation to the commission to provide reimbursement for the necessary travel expenses incurred by the commission members. The bill would require that the appropriation be included in the amounts appropriated by the state in the 2002-03 fiscal year for purposes of meeting the state's minimum funding obligation to school districts

and community college districts under Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution for that fiscal year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Board of Education shall appoint
2 a 17 member History Curriculum Advisory Commission to review
3 the adequacy of state content standards pertaining to United States
4 and world history during the period immediately before and during
5 World War II and the influence of World War II on international
6 relations during the period since the end of World War II. The
7 commission shall develop recommendations for any needed
8 changes to those state content standards and shall report its
9 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the
10 Legislature by September 30, 2003.

11 (b) The commission shall include the following members:

12 (1) Three members of the Curriculum Development and
13 Supplemental Materials Commission.

14 (2) One representative from the California Military Museum.

15 (3) The Adjutant General of the California National Guard or
16 his or her designee.

17 (4) Three high school history teachers.

18 (5) Three history professors from postsecondary institutions.

19 (6) Three representatives from veteran's organizations.

20 (7) Three members of the public.

21 (c) The members of the commission shall serve without
22 compensation, except that they shall receive their actual and
23 necessary travel expenses in attending meetings of the commission
24 and in attending meetings of any committee or subcommittee of
25 the commission of which they are members. Expenses of the
26 commission shall be paid out of appropriations made to the
27 Superintendent of Public Instruction or the State Department of
28 Education for this purpose.

29 SEC. 2. The amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) is
30 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State
31 Department of Education for allocation to the commission to pay
32 for the necessary travel expenses incurred by commission
33 members pursuant to Section 1. For the purposes of making

1 computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the
2 California Constitution, the appropriation made by this section
3 shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated to
4 school districts,” as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of
5 the Education Code for the 2002-03 fiscal year and be included
6 within the “total allocations to school districts and community
7 college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated
8 pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of
9 Section 41202 of the Education Code for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

